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1. TWO MORE BLOC TRADE DELEGATIONS ARRIVED OVER WEEKEND. PRESS REPORTS FOUR MAN NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION IN MALTA FOR TALKS WITH DRYDOCKS CORPORATION, MALTA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND MINISTRY COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. A SIMILAR NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION VISITED MALTA IN AUGUST (SEE REF C). TWO OFFICIALS FROM THE ALBANIAN EMBASSY IN ROME ALSO ARRIVED IN MALTA ON OCTOBER 8 FOR COMMERCIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM. THEY ARE DR. PIETRO TAKU, COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, AND LUMO SHEHU. THERE WERE REPORTS LAST MONTH PM MINTOFF MAY HAVE HAD TALKS WITH ALBANIAN OFFICIALS EITHER IN TIRANA OR ROME ON WAY BACK FROM TURKISH HOLIDAY (SEE REF B).
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2. COMMENT: DESPITE THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS ROUND OF TRADE DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMUNIST BLOC DELEGATIONS (SEE REF A), RESULTS THUS FAR HAVE BEEN NEGLIGIBLE. MALTA, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS NO RPT NO TRADE WITH ALBANIA AND IMPORTS FROM NORTH KOREA IN 1972 AMOUNTED TO ONLY 2,822 MALTA POUNDS (ONE MALTA POUND EQUALS APPROXIMATELY 2.82 DOLLARS). THERE WERE NO EXPORTS FROM MALTA TO NORTH KOREA IN 1972.
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